

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 22, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

The present Amendment revises claim 1 to recite that a reflective electrode has even and uneven portions. This is supported, for example, by Figure 2 of the present application's drawings. In view of this change to claim 1, the recitation in dependent claim 4 asserting that the reflective electrode has an uneven surface has been deleted. The present Amendment also revises claim 1 so that the reflective electrode is not necessarily "on" the first color filter; "between" the first and second color filters is sufficient.

In addition, the present Amendment adds new claims 12-17 to further protect the invention. Of these new claims, claim 13 is independent and the rest are dependent. Claim 13 is supported (for example) by Figure 2 of the present application's drawings.

The Office Action rejects the claims for anticipation by U.S. patent 6,831,718 to Wei et al. This reference will hereafter be called simply "Wei". For the reasons discussed below, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by the independent claims of this application is patentable over the Wei reference.

Independent claim 1 now includes a "wherein" clause which recites that "the at least one opaque portion" of a reflective electrode between first and second color filters "has an uneven surface and the at least one transparent portion" of the reflective electrode "has an even surface." In contrast, both the opaque and transparent portions of Wei's reflective electrode have uneven surfaces in Wei's Figure 6. As a result, the performance of the light passing through the uneven surface of the transparent portion in Wei's

transflective LCD is different from the performance of the light passing through the even surface of the transparent portion as recited in claim 1. As for Wei's Figure 2, only the transmission electrode 216 is between two color filters.

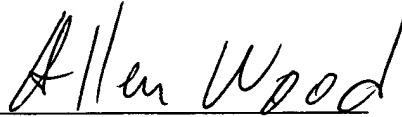
Independent claim 7 recites a first color filter, a reflective layer on part of the first color filter, and a "second color filter on the reflective layer and the first color filter." Such an arrangement is shown in Figure 8 in the present application's drawings, and it will be seen in Figure 8 that the second color filter has portions that are disposed on the reflective layer and other portions that directly face the first color filter. This is neither disclosed nor suggested by the reference. It should be noted that, in such an arrangement, the first and second color filters must necessarily be disposed on the same side of the liquid crystal layer. In the Wei reference, in contrast, they are on different sides.

New independent claim 13 recites a first substrate, a first color filter on the first substrate, and "an insulating layer formed on the first color filter." The claim then goes on to recite a reflective electrode "on the insulating layer," with this reflective electrode having at least one opaque portion and at least one transparent portion. The Wei reference, in contrast, neither discloses nor suggests an insulating layer on a color filter and a reflective electrode (having at least one opaque portion and at least one transparent portion) on the insulating layer.

Since the remaining claims depend from the independent claims discussed above and recite additional limitations to further define the invention, they are patentable along with their independent claims and need not be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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